

17. (amended) The polynucleotide of Claim 16, wherein the sequence identity is at least 85%.

18. (amended) The polynucleotide of Claim 16, wherein the sequence identity is at least 90%.

19. (amended) The polynucleotide of Claim 16, wherein the sequence identity is at least 95%.

20. (amended) The polynucleotide of Claim 16 wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:12.

21. (amended) The polynucleotide of Claim 16, wherein the polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:11.

25. (amended) A cell comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 38.

26. (amended) The cell of Claim 25, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a bacterial cell and a plant cell.

27. (amended) A transgenic plant comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 38.

38. (amended) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 16 operably linked to at least one regulatory sequence.

39. (amended) A method for altering the level of expression of triacylglycerol lipase in a host cell, the method comprising:

- (a) Transforming a host cell with the chimeric gene of claim 38; and
- (b) Growing the transformed cell in step (a) under conditions suitable for the expression of the chimeric gene.

Please add the following claim:

40. A vector comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 16.